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UA 102/03 **Fear of torture / incommunicado detention**

15 April 2003

SUDAN **Ammar Hassanain Abdel-Sid (m), aged 29, auditor**

Ammar Hassanain Abdel-Sid was arrested at 2pm on 14 April by members of the national security forces whilst at work in United Industry in Khartoum North. He was allegedly taken to the offices of the National Security near Farouk cemetery in Khartoum for interrogation. He is being held in incommunicado detention, where he is at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Armed members of the security forces reportedly came to Ammar Hassanain Abdel-Sid's home two weeks prior to his arrest whilst he was away. They searched his house and took away some books. They returned regularly in order to question his family about his whereabouts.

Detainees who have been arrested by the National Security have frequently been tortured and then transferred to a secret political wing of Kober Prison in Khartoum. They may be held for prolonged periods without access to lawyers or family and it is feared that Ammar Hassanain Abdel-Sid may suffer the same fate.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English and Arabic or your own language:

- expressing grave concern for the safety of Ammar Hassanain Abdel-Sid, who was detained by the Sudanese security forces on 14 April and has not been seen since;
- calling on the authorities to immediately reveal the whereabouts of Ammar Hassanain Abdel-Sid and to give assurances that he will not be tortured or otherwise ill treated;
- urging the authorities to allow Ammar Hassanain Abdel-Sid immediate and unrestricted access to his relatives, legal counsel and any medical aid he may need;
- calling on the authorities to abide by its commitments under Article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and either charge the detainee with a recognizably criminal offence and give him a prompt and fair trial in accordance with international standards or set him free immediately.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Sudan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 May 2003.